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Special Events Recycling

Check the weekend section of the newspaper. How many of those events will offer recycling? We can make recycling away from home as ubiquitous as the question, "Paper or plastic?" The litterbug is no longer as prevalent as he once was. The used beverage container (or UBC, in the trade lingo) is no longer thrown out to spoil the landscape. But many UBCs are still not recycled, landing in trash cans instead, and the energy, the bauxite, and the plastic used to make them are lost to society.

People are happy to keep clean what they find clean. Many are willing to recycle at special events if they are well informed of recycling opportunities and if they find recycling convenient. With trash containers almost everywhere (except in Maryland state parks where "pack it in, pack it out" is the order of the day), it is all too easy to "stash the trash." Here are some ideas to make recycling work away from home:

Plan for Recycling When Planning Special Events

If you are involved with planning an event, don't make recycling an afterthought. Include it in the event planning; in the ar-

range ment or the contract with the facility manager and the food vendors; and in fliers, maps, and programs. Don't assume that the venue is recycling or that the containers are where needed most. Use the chasing-arrow recycling logo to advertise your efforts and the placement of recycling bins. The symbol is not copyrighted, so use it liberally to promote recycling.

Lawyers for Recycling

Negotiate. Negotiate the disposal contract to get recycling with discounts since less trash will need to be hauled away and recycling hauls cost less than trash hauls. Event sponsors can and should work with vendors on the type of food served and how it is packaged. For instance, a waxed-paper food wrapper can be used instead of a polystyrene or other plastic box or plate. These containers quickly fill up any, except the very largest, trash bin. Sonoma County, California, has banned polystyrene boxes in its County buildings. Anything that decreases

the trash load at an event is also a plus for recycling because with less trash hauling, more people can be shifted to the recycling operation.

Persuade vendors to provide straws only upon request and to provide only one napkin per customer to decrease "napkin inflation." Still remember the fish and chips served in clean newsprint paper and then in a layer of newspaper?

The Collection Mechanics of Successful Recycling

Every trash can should be paired with a recycling bin. Some places may have too many trash bins; these can be converted to recycling receptacles. Use blue to color-cue for recycling. Put "Please Recycle" wherever there is a "No Smoking" sign. Planet health goes hand in hand with public health. Have the recycling receptacles checked regularly to keep them clean and orderly. Remove trash from recyclables so as not to attract

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Batteries

As Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections resume in March, the issue of batteries and their disposal reemerges from its winter depths. The widely held belief that batteries should categorically be brought to HHW collections for proper disposal needs some fine-tuning. Today, the battery types that continue to require special disposal are rechargeable nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd) and nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries; small sealed and automotive lead acid batteries; and lithium, mercuric-oxide, and silver-oxide batteries. For applications powered by these batteries, see the sidebar on Page 4.

It is the heavy metal content of batteries that causes concern. While in the battery, the heavy metals pose little risk. The problem comes upon disposal. When landfilled or incinerated, the heavy metals could leach out into soil or water or escape in smokestack emissions or leach out from ash, respectively. The metals of interest here are cadmium, lead, mercury, and nickel. Exposure to any of these can lead to serious health complications, often fatal, to humans. And they can be generally toxic to the environment.

The alkaline and heavy-duty (zinc carbon) batteries, both nonrechargeable and rechargeable, found in general household use can be safely disposed of in the regular trash if

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News Brief



In its latest "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste," the U.S. EPA reports that Americans threw away 4.4 pounds per person per day. That figure includes trash and recyclables. All the statistics are based on data from 1997; to collect and analyze the information takes time.

Our per capita waste generation went up over that of the year before. Waste reduction through composting and grasscycling has kept the amount from rising even further. And even though Americans generated more waste, they also recycled more of what they did dispose of, achieving a national recycling rate of 28 percent. An increase in economic activity is associated with an increase in waste. About half of the increased amount of waste in 1997 was due to discarded paper and paperboard. This included newsprint, printing and writing papers, corrugated boxes, paperboard, and tissue paper.

The largest waste category by weight was paper and paperboard. We threw away 830.8 million tons of it, but we also recycled 42 percent. Within that category, 67 percent of our corrugated cardboard was recycled.

Yard trim came in second at roughly 13 percent. That amount is expected to continue to decrease. Food and plastics were nearly tied for third place, each contributing about 10 percent to our waste total.

The EPA document is available on line at www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/publicat.htm.



"Spring Cleaning" Kits remain available through the Recycling Hotline (301-590-0046 or mrc@windsor.com). These colorful folders contain recycling do's and don'ts, recycling drop-off center information, household hazardous waste collection schedules; the *use it again* guide to local reuse, rental, and repair opportunities; and waste reduction tips. They are ideal housewarming "gifts" for new neighbors or "farewell" gifts to those preparing to move. Or you might just like a copy for yourself if you don't yet have one.



Have a bicycle that's been outgrown or replaced by an upgrade? Donating it to your favorite charity or youth program is always a good option. However, ending up in the scrap metal heap at the Shady Grove Transfer Station no longer means certain death for bicycles.

Rick Dimont, a Division of Solid Waste Services' program manager, has created two channels through which scrapped bikes are reused. Bikes that are in relatively good condition, and need little more than a new tire or other minor touch-ups, are accepted by Goodwill. In 1999, 250 bikes were picked up from the Transfer Station by Goodwill for resale in their stores.

For bikes needing a little more repair, The Bicycle Place has donated the labor and parts to bring 200 bikes back to usable condition. These were then passed along to the Montgomery County Police Department's "Free Rides" program, which gives bikes to needy youngsters. Bicycle reuse is planned to restart, and possibly expand, this spring. Stay tuned!

Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling by the year 2000.

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A Note to You



The number of concerned and interested County residents who have taken part in the "Behind the Scenes" program has really impressed me. It is the largest class we have had, consisting of over 20 participants. I will update you in the next issue when these sessions have ended.

Don't forget that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites start again in March. Six volunteers are needed per site. Our system will basically be the same as last year, with volunteers greeting the public and doing a mini-survey. We split the time in half, although several of you have been kind enough to work for both shifts! The DSWS staff is highly appreciative of your efforts and is looking forward to another successful year at the HHW sites. Remember to recruit any clubs to which you belong to "adopt-a-site!" This is an ideal way to get more community involvement in this important program.

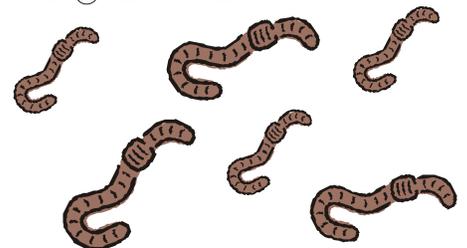
The Division of Solid Waste Services and I would like to have e-mail addresses from civic associations, homeowners' associations, and individuals so we may contact them regarding changes and/or additions to the residential recycling program. Please e-mail me at recycle.montgomery@erols.com. I may be reached directly at 301-840-2858. Also, Susanne Brunhart Wiggins is doing an excellent job on the Division's web page. Please take the time to look at it, as it is very informative. You can bring it up by going to www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/.

Did You Know...

- That every sheet of paper has two sides? Duplex-copy or print to both sides of paper.
- That even a clear plastic bag casts a shadow, albeit lighter? Take those plastic newspaper bags to your supermarket.
- That if a small object fits inside a toilet paper tube, it could hurt a child under 3 years of age? If you don't yet have mixed paper recycling, you can reuse the lowly toilet paper tube in numerous ways.
- That coffee and tea grounds can go into your garden and compost pile with no danger of attracting animals?
- That it took the low-tech graphite pencil to write down names during the 18-degree weather at the January 22 mixed paper collection? It was so cold that ball-point pens didn't work.
- That it took four layers of clothing to stay warm at that same collection. This was the consensus of the three recycling fans who staffed the Potomac site.
-- Christine Feintheil,
MR/C Volunteer Program Assistant

Comfortable with worms?

If the answer is yes, and you enjoy sharing your enthusiasm on the subject with others, you are just the people we need to give worm composting presentations! Speakers with weekday availability are especially needed. Please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852 or mrc@windsor.com.



"Computer and Technological Practices and Paper Choices to Help the Environment"

presented by Christine Feintheil

Come hear Christine's session at this year's Montgomery County Women's Fair, featuring workshops, exhibits, and information on services and opportunities for women.

Saturday, March 25, 2000, in the Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. For registration information, please contact 301-949-2055 or www.mcwomansfair.org.



What Type of Battery Is Found Where?

The following types of batteries should continue to be taken to Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Lithium: computer memory and real-time clock backup, electronic counters, process controllers, portable instruments, time/data protection, industrial controls, electronic gas, water and electric meters, communication equipment, watches, protection of control parameter memory, and portable electronic devices.

Nickel cadmium: cameras, data terminals, FAX memory, hobby remote controls, notebook PCs, portable phones, transceivers, portable printers, portable TVs, CD and tape players, power tools, vacuum cleaners, shavers, security lights, and toys.

Nickel metal hydride: car telephones, cameras, cellular mobile telecom products, notebook PC's, personal digital assistants, portable VCRs, TVs, portable stereos and CD players, cordless vacuum cleaners, and applications where high-energy and small size are critical.

Small sealed lead acid: communication equipment, office equipment, security systems, power tools, toys, UPS systems.

Silver oxide: digital watches, calculators, portable medical devices, hearing aids (often replaced with zinc air batteries), remote telemetry devices, continuous power-on devices.

Zinc oxide: digital watches, calculators, portable medical devices, remote telemetry devices, continuous power-on devices.

Sources: www.panasonic.com,
www.rayovac.com



Batteries, continued

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they are less than about 3½ years old. This was not always the case because these batteries contained mercury. The removal of mercury from battery “ingredients” is an example of how a manufacturing industry responded to environmental concerns. In the early to mid-1990’s, individual states—Maryland among them—began enacting legislation requiring recycling of certain batteries and limiting the mercury content of others. At the same time, “mercury-free” batteries began to appear on store shelves.

In May 1996, the Federal Battery Bill, also known as the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act, was signed. This act stipulates that all alkaline manganese and zinc carbon batteries (conventional flashlight batteries, for example) sold after that date contain no more than 25 mg of these substances per cell. This figure refers to mercury added to the battery formulation; some battery ingredients contain a very small amount of mercury themselves. The sale of button cell mercuric-oxide batteries is prohibited altogether. Other mercuric-oxide batteries may not be sold unless the manufacturer identifies a collection site for the spent batteries and informs the customer of this site. Ni-Cd and certain small sealed lead acid (SSLA) batteries now have to meet a labeling requirement and be easily removable from consumer products. The act also paved the way for the recycling of these batteries, in part by easing hazardous waste transportation regulations that had acted as barriers to recycling for batteries. (It was recognized that batteries didn’t have quite the “nastiness” factor that is inherent in many other materials classified as hazardous.) Additionally, both the U.S. EPA and battery manufacturers and sellers were charged with educating the public about the need for Ni-Cd and SSLA battery recycling and about how to participate in recycling programs for these battery types.

Once received at a recycling facility, both kinds of batteries are ground up for further processing. In the case of lead acid batteries, the cases (usually made of polypropylene) are turned into new battery cases. The lead grids, oxides, and other lead parts are melted together and used to make lead plates and parts for new batteries. The sul-

furic acid has one of two fates. Either it is neutralized, treated, and then released into a public sewer system or it is converted to sodium sulfate, which is used in laundry detergent as well as glass and textile manufacturing. Ni-Cd batteries are handled similarly. After the batteries are shredded, cadmium is extracted and used in making new batteries. The nickel and iron are applied to the production of stainless steel products.

--Susanne Brunhart Wiggins,
DSWS

Sources:

Battery Act (www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/state/policy/pl104.txt), Battery Council International (www.batterycouncil.org), Implementation of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act (www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/battery.pdf)

Special Events

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more recyclables in the recycling container as cues to what belongs there. (This is not always possible with a large wet bag of cans.) Remind vendors and the tear-down crew that cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. Some items are good candidates for reuse. At the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, large Kraft-paper bags that had contained sawdust for animal bedding were reused as yard trim bags. Place cardboard or old newspaper at the bottom of the recycling container to absorb liquid from leaking bags. At an outdoor event, poke a hole in the bottom of the bag and leave on the lawn so it drains its contents. This will reduce smell, insects, and further leaking.

A Home Run For Recycling

It is never too late to recycle. There is still a chance, on the day of the event, to capture the most valuable recycling commodity, aluminum, by making makeshift signs and containers. Take note of what worked, and use that information for next year’s event. Recruit volunteers for the recycling tasks by offering them free admission or lunch. Thanks to the three C’s—caring, concerned citizens—and the three R’s—resourcefulness, reuse, recycle—environmental stewardship is catching on away from home. See you at the game.

--Christine Feintheil,
MR/C Volunteer Program Assistant

Hotline Happenings

The news from the Recycling Hotline is that, well, it's hot! The beginning of February is best characterized by the record number of calls received. Winter is typically a slower time for the Hotline; 20- and 30-call days are not uncommon.

Back-to-back snowstorms at the end of January caused recycling and trash collection to be suspended for a few days, and then the collection schedule was adjusted as haulers worked to catch up with the material that people had in their homes for disposal.

The phones were busy at the Division of Solid Waste Services customer service line as residents asked questions about collections and when they would take place. At the Hotline, the week started out with a "modest" 69 calls. By Friday, the number of calls received in one day numbered a mind-boggling 188 inquiries, mostly snow-related!

The volume has tapered back to the normal range now, and the pace is more routine. To the MR/C volunteers and staff who rose to the challenge: many, many thanks! You've truly earned gold stars!

Speaking of volunteers who've risen to challenges, we said a fond farewell to long-time Hotline volunteer Roland Radloff at the end of January. Read more on page 6. :-)

Want some of the Hotline action? It's a fantastic way to brush up on your knowledge of recycling and disposal programs and opportunities in the area. Calls are answered between 1 and 4 p.m. on weekdays. Your help is especially needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Occasional helpers are welcomed too!

Craft Supplies in the Making

Please start saving for children's craft projects: pudding boxes (any size, open boxes carefully) and lightbulb packages. If you have any questions or have materials to donate, please contact Christine Feintheil, MR/C Volunteer Program Assistant, 301-840-2854.

Paper Recycling Takes Off



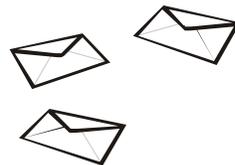
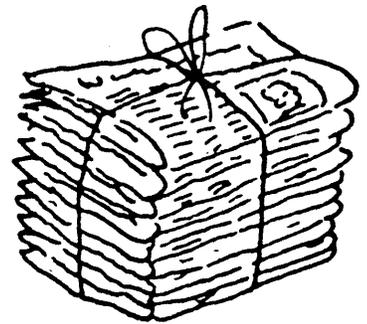
The facts are quite straightforward: There are now six paper-recycling drop-off points around the County (plus those at the three paper brokers). Residents have been delighted with the sites, and participation, even on chilly winter days, has exceeded expectations.

A college professor of mine stressed the value of "unintended consequences." The unintended consequences of arranging these paper collection sites have been phenomenal. The project began when the contractor used by the community-run paper-recycling program in Damascus discontinued the service last November.

While the new County curbside paper recycling continues to be phased in, Damascus was not scheduled to begin until this August. Trying to bridge the 9-month gap in paper recycling, the Damascus program organizers called the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) to see what could be done. With that call, brainstorming generated ideas for continuing a monthly collection site.

At the same time, DSWS received its long-awaited new packer truck. Operating paper collections presented itself as an ideal opportunity for "breaking in" the truck. Even as firm commitments on a site were being awaited from Damascus, signs reading "Mixed Paper Recycling" were made for the truck sides. From calls to the Hotline and conversations with residents in other venues, it was no secret that people in other parts of Montgomery County were eager to begin paper recycling too.

When Hotline volunteers and Master Recycler/Composter staff heard about the availability of the new truck, their enthusiasm became infectious. Poring over maps, they identified areas in which curbside paper recycling was still several months in the future. In no time, they had arranged sites, set the schedule, and set networks of contacts into motion. They played a major role in spreading the word about the collections. Announcements were printed and newspapers were notified. MR/C volunteers **Bernadine Dadey**, **Urte McNellis**, and **Howard Solomon** each distributed flyers to their neighborhoods, and Urte contacted local school newsletters. Tapping into the Burning Tree Elementary School was particularly successful.



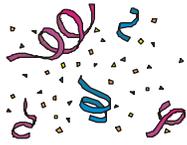
At the drop-off sites, the excitement has continued to grow. Volunteer car unloaders have stepped forward to assist residents at the sites. Residents have gratefully delivered their paper and cardboard, frequently taking advantage of the opportunity to bring home a new or replacement blue bin. (We plan to sell compost bins too in the spring.) At the "Second Saturday" collection sites in February, 16,740 pounds of paper (8.37 tons) were received.

This essentially filled the truck to capacity! Between January and mid-February, a total of 29,060 pounds (14.53 tons) of mixed paper had been recycled. For complete schedule details, please see Page 6.

For helping me realize this project and contributing to this truly community-building experience, many thanks go to MR/C volunteers **Bernadine Dadey**, **Urte McNellis**, **Jane Oosterhuis**, **Howard Solomon**, **Jim Welch**; the MR/C Volunteer Program staff, **Joe O'Donnell** and **Dicky Buss**, DSWS; **Randy Hill**, our trusty truck driver; and **Angela Butler**, **Lynn O'Dell**, and **Cindy Snow** of the Damascus program, who got the ball rolling in the first place!

--Susanne Brunhart Wiggins,
DSWS

Special Thanks, Roland



Roland Radloff was one of the first Hotline volunteers, beginning in 1991. At last, his voice has given out and he is retiring. However, look for him at special events, such as the Household Hazardous Waste collection days, the County Fair and others. Maybe he will resurrect "Captain Trash" again. But whether he does or does not, he will always be welcome. Many thanks, Roland, for all your hours at the Hotline. We will miss you on Tuesdays!

--Carol Uhlenndorf

Mixed Paper Collection Schedule

1st Saturday of the month

Poolesville: Poolesville High School (will operate through July 1, 2000)
17501 Willard Road, 9 a.m. to Noon
Aluminum also accepted

Aspen Hill/Rockville: Parkland Middle School (will operate through May 6, 2000)
4610 West Frankfort Drive
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month

Damascus: Damascus Safeway (will operate through August 12, 2000)
in the Damascus Center, 8 a.m. to Noon

Silver Spring: Montgomery Blair High School (will operate through June 10, 2000)
51 University Blvd. East
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3rd Saturday of the month

Potomac: Potomac Community Center (will operate through July 15, 2000)
11315 Falls Road, in upper parking lot near the tennis courts
9 a.m. to Noon

Bethesda: Walt Whitman High School (will operate through July 15, 2000)
7100 Whittier Boulevard
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank You, Volunteers

The MR/C Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. January and February work included these activities:

Calls to the Recycling Hotline were taken by **Richard Ablard, Chuck Beranek, Tony Cammarota, Dick Carr, Urte McNellis, Dick Meyer, Jane Oosterhuis, Roland Radloff,** and **Jim Welch.**

Tony Cammarota provided a Recycling Center tour.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped at the mixed paper drop offs, including MR/C Volunteers **Jane Coe, Bernadine and Joe Dadey, John Ferguson, Urte McNellis, Jane Oosterhuis, Howard Solomon, Jim Welch.** In addition, we had helping hands from **Angela Butler, Lynn O'Dell, Cindy Snow, the Damascus 4-H Club, John Sparrow, Julie Super,** and **community volunteers** in Bethesda, Barnesville, and Silver Spring.

Jon Yeo and **Naim Rashid** have been tweaking code to assist with the redesign of the Division of Solid Waste Services website.

Diane Reinke, our editor, helped us keep our "p's" and "q's" straight. As usual, she did her work as a "virtual volunteer," sending files back and forth via e-mail — no paper was wasted in the process!

Clothing Care

Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day is not the only way to be green with clothes and material.

Clothes present an interesting phenomena for our society. Clothes shopping drives the retail market, we make statements with our clothes, and clothing donations are a way that Western society shows its concern for victims of catastrophe and of poverty. But our pocketbooks and our concern for limited petroleum resources and the pesticide used on cotton encourage us to shop better and to extend the wear of our wardrobe.

We can buy clothes that give longer wear. Avoid all-elastic waists, which invariably stretch out unless they come with belt loops. A higher denier (thread per inch count), as in bed linens, makes for greater durability. Unfortunately, a better wearing material often costs more. A more tailored or constructed item will hold its shape better and longer. Look for extra material at hems and seams for later adjustments, especially in children's clothes. Toddlers clothes can be worn front or back to even out wear at the knee. Do men's cardigans still come with patches at the elbow?

Practices such as hanging laundry out on a clothes line or laundry rack avoid the heat and abrasion of automatic dryers, extending the life of clothing. To retain colors

better, wash in lukewarm or cool water whenever possible. Knit items, such as sweaters, should be laid flat for storage and not hung on hangers. Funny, but true: How one puts a sweater on and takes it off can create excess stretch. No wonder teenagers like their clothes baggy---they make them so!

We've come to appreciate wool during this cold winter. The carpet beetle (tiny, pepper-colored) and the clothes moth (small with beige wings) appreciate wool also, so much so that their larval stages will eat it, given the chance. Clean or brush wool fabrics to remove the insect eggs and any food stains, which attract the adult insect. (The Cooperative Extension Service in Derwood has good information sheets on this subject.)

Mothballs work well at deterring pests. They also deter people--California regulations require that the packaging carry a health warning. If you can tolerate some damage (get out your darning spool), use strong smelling plants, such as lavender or tobacco, wrapping dark woolens in newspaper (the ink may be a deterrent), and storing in a tight container. A large coffee can with lid taped closed is good for socks and scarves. Speaking of socks, a Wisconsin woman in the early 1900's stitched together her husband's worn red-heeled work socks, stuffed them, and made the first sock monkey.

--Christine Feintheil,
MR/C Volunteer Program Staff

Recycling References

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off
materials in a truck.)

*Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with
necks, newspapers, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, magazines,
catalogs and yard trim.*

DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)
*Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as:
lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets,
toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.*

CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility
*Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and mate-
rial larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry
and in plastic bags.*

MATRESSCYCLE

At Public Unloading Facility
Accepts mattresses and box springs.

The Salvation Army also recycles mattresses at the following locations
every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda
GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of
Route 118, Germantown

CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd.,
Bethesda

LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck En-
trance); Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off
Route 355); Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route
355)

*Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning
units and dehumidifiers.*

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 Shady Grove Transfer Station.
Sunday, March 19 Silver Spring, Parking Lot #2
Sunday, April 2 Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, April 9 Germantown Upcounty Services Center
Sunday, May 7 Shady Grove Transfer Station.
Sunday, May 20 Briggs Chaney

*Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents,
pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints,
button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).*

FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable
furniture in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds,
mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call
301-495-0983.

SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000
15000 Southlawn Lane

*Buys back aluminum cans scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appli-
ances.*

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane
Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Buys back white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no
newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard.*

SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002
9001 Brookville Road

*Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books,
corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.*

Yeshiva of Greater Washington 301-649-7053

1216 Arcola Ave.
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Accepts aluminum cans.

Takoma Park-Silver Spring Food Co-op 301-891-2667

201 Ethan Allen Avenue
*Accepts aseptic packaging, all types of plastic containers, and mixed pa-
per.*

GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard
recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-
258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road
Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

Accepts all types of paper ("any thing that tears").

WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue
Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzert Rd.
and University Blvd.)

*Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and
glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper,
clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, and textbooks.*

DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours
Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).

Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program
16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, Maryland 20855

Bulk rate
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RECYCLES**



Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852 or mrc@windsor.com. Visit www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/volunteer for the most current calendar.

FAIRS and FESTIVALS

- Fri., April 28.** National Naval Medical Center Earth Day, Kid's presentations and "Main Street" displays.
Sun., April 30. Rockville Science Day, Montgomery College-Rockville. Noon to 5 p.m. We'll focus on composting and paper making.
Sun., April 30. Arbor Day, Agricultural History Farm Park (18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood). Noon to 4 p.m., composting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Fri., March 17.** Rosemary Hills Elementary School, Silver Spring. Worm composting.
Sat., April 22. Earth Day 2000, Greencastle Elementary School, Silver Spring. Worm composting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon, and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on Page 7.

Collection volunteers direct traffic and ask a short survey. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word, and consider signing up yourself!